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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 31, 2005 for this application, Applicants submit herewith a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section of their amendment filed March 14, 2005. The corrected section, the claim status identifier for claim 17, is believed to comply with the amendment requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. In particular, the claim status identifiers and markings in this corrected section correspond to the prior version of the claims in this application, as previously amended.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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